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Court Upholds PSC Procedures In Arrowhead-Weston Transmission Line Approval

MADISON – A Dane County Circuit Court upheld the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC) process used for its decision to allow the American Transmission Company to continue to construct the 210-mile, 345 kilovolt transmission line linking the Arrowhead substation near Duluth, Minnesota, with the Weston substation near Wausau.

In a ruling issued today, Judge C. William Foust affirmed the Commission decision on the transmission line and upheld the PSC's long-standing review procedures and decision-making process. "We are pleased with the court's decision which shows that the PSC has a fair and thorough process for reviewing the cases that come before the Commission," said David Gilles, PSC Legal Counsel. He also noted that the PSC has about 800 contested cases every year.

The Commission originally authorized construction of the Arrowhead-Weston transmission line on October 30, 2001. It re-opened the case the following year to look at revised cost estimates for the project. On December 19, 2003, the Commission determined that the increased costs for construction of the project were reasonable, there was still a clear need for the line to solve congestion problems and to insure electric system reliability, and that further delays would significantly increase the impacts on reliability of Wisconsin's electric transmission grid.

The PSC continues to monitor the costs and construction of the project which is planned for completion in 2008.

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